

Our Ref: ABP-301908-18



Betty Browne and Others  
15 Island View  
Malahide  
Co. Dublin

Date: 20th August 2018

Re: Greater Dublin Drainage Project consisting of a new wastewater treatment plant, sludge hub centre, orbital sewer, outfall pipeline and regional biosolids storage facility  
Townlands of Clonshagh, Dubber and Newtown, County Fingal and Dublin City

Dear Madam

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. A receipt for the fee lodged is enclosed.

The Board will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie).

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

  
Kieran Somers

Executive Officer  
Direct Line: 01-873 7107

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TO: The Secretary,  
An Bord Pleanála,  
64 Marlborough Street,  
Dublin 1 D01 V902.

August 16, 2018.

**AN BORD PLEANÁLA**  
TIME 12.59 BY HXND  
**16 AUG 2018**  
LTR DATER \_\_\_\_\_ FROM XO  
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**AN BORD PLEANÁLA**  
Received: 16/8/18  
Fee: €50 CHQ  
Receipt No: \_\_\_\_\_

RE: OBJECTION TO GDD PLANNING APPLICATION PL06F.301908

Dear Secretary,

We the undersigned strenuously object to the above referenced proposed Greater Dublin Drainage Sewage Plant in north Dublin, with outflow pipe in the area of Ireland's Eye, Portmarnock Beach, Co. Dublin. Please find enclosed, a cheque for the required fee of €50.

Our objections are as follows:

1. This application poses serious risks to the health and safety of our families by polluting areas which are used for swimming and water sports.
2. It will be an environmental and economic disaster for the area in which we live
3. It will grossly undermine the value of our houses.
4. This proposal is for far too big a treatment plant, treating waste of for up to 500,000 people, and if it goes wrong the potential for a large-scale health disaster is huge.
5. This will not be treated to tertiary standards, so the potential consequences for health and safety and for the environment are extremely serious.
6. Portmarnock Beach will inevitably lose its blue flag, the plant will destroy the environment and so will dramatically and negatively affect the local economy as a result.
7. It will end swimming in the Malahide and Portmarnock area because of the risk of disease.
8. Apart from the serious threats to our health, this plant will also threaten tourism in our community because any noxious fumes will deter visitors from other parts of Ireland and abroad from visiting our area.

We would like to know:

A. What if any medical and scientific study has been done to assess the potential health risks involved for the populations of the area?

B. Has any agreement been obtained from Irish Water to indemnify the residents in the area against all costs arising from damage to their health caused by sewage from the GDD?

C. By what method and how often will water quality be monitored? Under EU directives the water outflowing from the shore needs to at least be up to the quality of the receiving waters.

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**D. What if any studies have been done on the economic impact of the plant on our local communities?**

**E. What if any back-up system will be in place in the event of a systems failure?**

**F. How can we be assured that the problems in Ringsend will not be repeated? In Ringsend, a noxious smell persistently affected the surrounding communities for years. How will our health be protected in the event of such problems?**

**G. Ringsend was designed to deal with the waste of 1.7 million people but ended up dealing with the waste of 1.9 million because industry waste was under estimated. What guarantees are in place to ensure this doesn't happen with the GDD proposal?**

**H. What if any assessments or studies have been done on the economic impact on the community of any destruction or damage to this premier tourist attraction that uniquely includes Ireland's Eye?**

**I. What major clean-up contingency plan will be in place if any raw sewage escapes into the sea and what medical assistance will be made available to our communities?**

Yours sincerely,

**Bette Browne, 15 Island View, Malahide, Co Dublin**

**Maureen O'Toole, 13 Marian Park, Baldoyle, Co Dublin**

**Orla O'Kane, 29 Chalfont Avenue, Malahide, Co. Dublin.**

**Anna Browne, 15 Island View, Malahide, Co Dublin.**

**Caroline Tuohy, 46 Island View, Malahide, Co. Dublin.**

**Mary Webberley, 462 Strand Road, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin.**

**David and Louise Webberley, 16 Kelly's Bay Drive, Skerries, Co. Dublin.**

**Brian Webberley, Ridgewood, Swords, Co. Dublin.**

**Maryjane and Alan Collins, 10 The Court, Robswall, Malahide, Co. Dublin.**

**Thomas O'Connor, 6 Carrickhill Rise, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin.**

**Aengus and Ali O'Hanlon, 15 Strandmill Avenue, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin.**

**Brenda and Peter Furey, 33 Island View, Malahide, Co. Dublin.**

